

**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Administrative Code - Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee]

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to set the structure, functions, terms, and administrative support for the Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee, as required by Charter, Section 16.128-11, adopted as part of Proposition I at the November 8, 2016, general municipal election.**

**Existing Law**

At the November 2016 general municipal election, the voters approved Proposition I, a Charter amendment creating the Dignity Fund, a mandatory budget set-aside to fund programs and services for seniors and adults with disabilities. Services and programs funded by the Dignity Fund will include home- and community-based long-term care and support, food and nutrition, consumer and caregiver education and support, seniors/disabled community and service centers, legal services, health and wellness, and targeted outreach. The ballot measure created an 11-member Oversight and Advisory Committee to monitor and participate in the administration of the Dignity Fund. The ballot measure specified the Committee's duties, its members' respective appointing authorities, timing of initial appointments, and the minimum number of meetings the Committee must hold each year. Section 16.128-11 of the measure also authorized the Board of Supervisors to provide by ordinance further details regarding the membership, structure, functions, appointment criteria, terms, and administrative and clerical support of the Committee.

**Amendments to Current Law**

The proposed ordinance would provide additional details regarding the terms, structure, and support for the Committee. The Charter provides that initial terms of Committee members will start on the date of the first meeting of the Committee. The proposed ordinance would provide that those first terms will terminate on January 31, 2019, and that future terms of Committee members will be two years, starting on February 1 of odd-numbered years. The ordinance would also clarify that a Committee member's appointing authority may remove the Committee member at any time, with or without cause.

The proposed ordinance would also require the Department of Aging and Adult Services to provide administrative and technical support to the Committee and to the Service Provider Working Group that the Committee will create, as required by Charter Section 16.128-11. And the ordinance would provide other details regarding the operation of the Committee.